

APRIL 9th, 1814.

Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house on Monday next.

A Bill

To amend the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in congress assembled, That*
3 nothing contained in the first section of the act laying duties on
4 licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign mer-
5 chandise, shall be construed to extend to physicians who keep
6 on hand medicines solely for the purpose of making up their
7 own prescriptions for their own patients, nor shall any physician,
8 surgeon, or chemist, for vending, solely in his practice, medi-
9 cines to his patients, be subjected to take out license as a retail
10 dealer in foreign merchandise.

1 *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That where any collector*
2 shall have required any physician, surgeon, or chemist, vend-

3 ing medicine exclusively to his patients in his practice, to take
 4 out license as a retail dealer in foreign merchandise, every such
 5 collector is hereby authorised and required to cancel every such
 6 license and to repay any money received for the same, and in eve-
 7 ry case where the money has not been received to grant a release
 8 for the same.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the sale or trans-
 2 fer of any licensed still or boiler, or other vessel used in distilla-
 3 tion, the right of using the same, during the term for which
 4 such license shall remain in force, shall accrue to the new pro-
 5 prietor or possessor; entry of such sale or transfer having been
 6 previously made at the office of the collector for the district by
 7 the person selling or transferring the same, and the same having
 8 been endorsed on the original license.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any still, boil-
 2 er, or other vessel used in distillation, shall be burnt or other-
 3 wise destroyed, the collector for the district wherein the same
 4 shall have been situate, shall be empowered, and is hereby di-
 5 rected, to remit such portion of the duties which may have been
 6 bonded for the license granted therefor, and shall, at the time
 7 of the burning or destruction thereof, remain unpaid, as would
 8 have accrued for the time between such burning or destruction,
 9 and the expiration of the period for which such license was
 10 granted: *Provided*, That previous to such remission, the said
 11 burning or destruction shall be verified, under the oath or affir-

12 mation of the owner or superintendent of 'such still, boiler, or
 13 other vessel, before a judge or justice of the peace residing
 14 within the said district: *And provided*, That the said judge or
 15 justice shall endorse on said certificate his belief of the facts
 16 therein set forth, and that the burning or destruction did not arise
 17 from a fraudulent intent to defraud the revenue, and in case of
 18 such remission of duties, the license previously granted for such
 19 still, boiler, or other vessel used in distillation, shall be of no
 20 further avail.

1 *Sec. 5. And be it further enacted*, That in case any person or
 2 persons, to whom a license for retailing may be granted, shall
 3 die before the commencement or during the period thereof, the
 4 heirs, executors, or administrators of such person or persons
 5 shall be authorised to retail under the same; and any person to
 6 whom a license for retailing shall be granted, may, on applica-
 7 tion in writing to the collector for the district, have the same
 8 transferred to any other person in the same collection district;
 9 in which several cases it shall be the duty of the collector to en-
 10 dorse on the said licenses a certificate of such transfer, without
 11 which certificate this provision shall be of no avail.

1 *Sec. 6. And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of
 2 any person to whom a license for retailing may have been grant-
 3 ed, to produce and exhibit the same on the demand of the col-
 4 lector for the district made at the place of retailing for refus-

ing to do which said person shall forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars.

1 Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the sickness or temporary inability of a collector to discharge such of his duties as cannot under existing laws be discharged by a deputy, they may be devolved by him on a deputy: *Provided*, Information thereof be immediately communicated to the commissioner of the revenue, and the same shall be approved by him: *And provided*, That the responsibility of the collector, or his sureties, to the United States, shall not be thereby impaired.

1 Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That in case a collector shall die, resign, or be removed, the deputy in his service, at the time immediately preceding, who shall have been longest employed by him, may and shall, until a successor is appointed, discharge all the duties of said collector.

1 Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That all letters and packets to and from the commissioner of the revenue, of whatever weight, shall be received and conveyed by the mail, free of postage.